

# The Boulevard


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The City of Bellaire is an active community. Below is a list of upcoming special events and important dates to remember. For more information on these and other activities, check out the [City calendar](#). Watch for the Spring 2015 [Leisure Activities Guide](#).

### April

**April 11** Trolley Run

**April 18** Trolleywood Movie

**April 25** City-wide Garage Sale; Wine and Tapas

### May

**May 1** Trolley Tunes begin

**May 2** Pop Up in Evelyn's Park

**May 7** National Day of Prayer

**May 9** Bellaire's Family Safety Day

**May 25** **Memorial Day**—City offices closed,  
No garbage pick up

**May 26** Summer Reading Begins

**May 30** Summer Reading Kick-Off at Library

**May 30** Trolleywood Movie

### June/July

**June 1** All City Pools open for summer hours

**July 3/4** **Independence Day**—City offices closed  
No Garbage Pick up

**July 4** **Fourth of July Parade and Festival**



## City Water Supply

### Central Water Well Project

One of the key services provided by the City of Bellaire to its residents is drinking water. Providing safe drinking water for consumption and other uses is typically taken for granted when a faucet is turned on. However, the work behind-the-scenes necessary for service delivery is fairly complex. The City is required to adhere to strict guidelines for water quality and service delivery.

In addition, the source of the water for the City of Bellaire is fairly complicated as well. This is partly due to the city's location in what is known as the Houston-Galveston Area Subsidence District. Groundwater is pumped from aquifers beneath the earth's surface that recharge over time and subsidence district rules limits the amount of water to 20% of the city's total annual usage. The remaining water that is needed is surface water purchased from the City of Houston. The rates are set by a state-approved formula that allows for cost-recovery and inflation. To help reduce that financial impact The City of Bellaire participates in the "WaterWise"

education program by sponsoring educational efforts relative to water conservation. In return, the city receives "credits" to allow for additional groundwater usage.

On March 23, 2015, City Council authorized the final payment for the Central Plant Water Well and Plugging of Wells at Central and Evergreen Project. This project saw the drilling of a new water well and installation of new pumps at the Central Water Plant located at the corner of Jessamine Street and S Rice Avenue. This project also plugged the old well at Central and the one at the former Evergreen well site. The City would like to thank you for being patient with the noise during the project that began March 5, 2014.

With this new well online, the City has the capacity to pump over 8 million gallons of water from the ground per day and will continue to focus its efforts on providing quality drinking water in the most economical and environmentally sensitive manner possible.

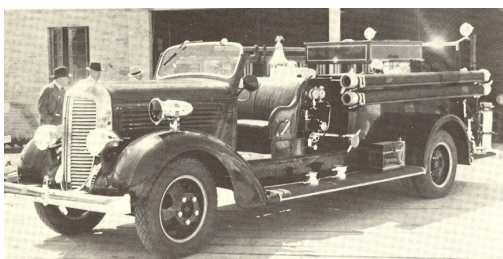
## bellaire beginnings>>>

The Bellaire Fire Department had its beginning in 1931 when the City Council adopted three ordinances: 1) Appointed a Fire Prevention Board, 2) Created an arson award, and 3) Appointed a Fire Marshal.

The first Bellaire Volunteer Department was organized in 1935, becoming a paid department in 1952.

In the late 1930s a new water plant, tower and fire station were built on the corner of Jessamine and Rice Avenue with a siren that was placed on the water tower. A new fire station was built across the street in 1955.

During World War II, the wives of many of the Volunteer Firemen became Lady Volunteers. They had regular fire drills once a week and took first aid courses.



Bellaire's First Pumper—1938

*public works >>>*

## Projects and services

Not sure which roads to avoid on the morning commute to work? Check out the [major construction projects](#) and their affected areas as Bellaire works toward improving streets and sidewalks.

Visit this link to find out more about [proposed changes to solid waste service in 2015](#).



Learn about Bellaire's commitment to the environment through [recycling](#) and [water conservation](#).

Confused about which days of the week your trash is picked up? Bellaire has a Monday/Thursday or Tuesday/Friday pick-up schedule based on [location of residency](#).

Visit the [Public Works Department web-site](#) for detailed information on construction projects, recycling and waste collection and report problems in the [Resident Request Center](#)

*save the date >>>*

## Comprehensive Plan Update

We are updating the Comprehensive Plan your input is encouraged. The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on the Comprehensive Plan/Parks Master Plan on **May 12** and the City Council will hold another public hearing on **July 6**. The City is also in the process of developing their five year capital improvement plan. Last quarter we sought your input via our online form. This input is still requested until May 12th. Please visit <http://www.bellairetx.gov/cip> to provide us with your input.

## Lafayette Park Improvements



The City of Bellaire has recently approved a project that will improve the appearance and safety of Lafayette Park, located inside the Loop. These improvements will include playground equipment, fencing, landscaping, soccer field enhancements and additional dog park amenities.

We at the City of Bellaire are excited for the opportunity to give a much needed facelift to Lafayette Park. Be on the lookout for changes coming late summer or early fall 2015.

*police >>>*

Some burglars take advantage of a person's trust and kindness. Criminals will try to gain access to your home. A typical scenario might be where somebody claims that they are at your house to give a repair estimate or they noticed that you need work done on your roof. They may ask that you take them into your backyard so they can point something out to you. While you are distracted in the backyard with them, another suspect enters your house and steals property. Here are some tips on how you should deal with a suspicious caller at your door.

Ask to see identification if a person comes to your home claiming to be there for an appoint-

ment or a delivery. Keep your door locked if you are uncomfortable about them. Ask for their name and the name of the company they claim to represent. You can ask for a telephone number to call and confirm their information or for an added level of security look the phone number up yourself. Also, don't allow the person inside your home or allow them into your backyard until you have verified their information and you are comfortable that they are legitimate.

Citizens should call the Bellaire Police Department at 713.668.0487 anytime they think somebody is suspicious. We will dispatch an officer to confirm their identification.

## Boards & Commissions Applications Open Until May 1

The City of Bellaire, Texas, is accepting applications for openings on City Boards and Commissions from March 9, 2015, through May 1, 2015. Applications may be submitted online using the "Application" link below. Openings are available on the Board of Adjustment, Building and Standards Commission, Cultural Arts Board,

Environmental and Sustainability Board, LIFE Advisory Board, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, and the Planning and Zoning Commission. If you have any questions, please contact City Clerk Tracy L. Dutton by email at [tdutton@bellairetx.gov](mailto:tdutton@bellairetx.gov).

[Application](#)

# Capital Improvement Projects

## Paving and Drainage Projects

The Rebuild Bellaire Phase Five-A was awarded on January 26, 2015 and began construction on March 23, 2015. This project will reconstruct ten streets with the installation of new storm sewer lines and sidewalks.

The *FY2014-2015 Street & Sidewalk Pavement Management Program* began construction on January 26, 2015. This project will see repairs and rehabilitation of 16 streets and the sidewalks on 18 different streets.

The *FY2015 Street & Sidewalk Pavement Management Program* is currently being designed. Eleven streets will receive sidewalk repairs and seven streets will receive rehabilitation work.

A street marking replacement program is underway to refresh the striping on various streets throughout the city to increase their visibility for vehicle and pedestrian safety.

## Water and Wastewater Projects

The City is also working on the initial phase of a Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system that will allow for more accurate monitoring and control of the wastewater treatment plant, lift stations and water wells.

Engineering has begun for a project that would see three water lines replaced. These lines have had numerous maintenance issues.

The fine screen building at the wastewater treatment plant is being replaced due to age and condition. This replacement is imperative, being that the fine screens filter out debris from the wastewater so it can be properly treated.

To check the status of the paving and drainage projects, please visit :

### Major Construction Projects



occurs in an area, police walk the neighborhood looking for external cameras on homes and businesses.

Register online at [www.bellairepolice.com](http://www.bellairepolice.com) or in person at the Bellaire police station.

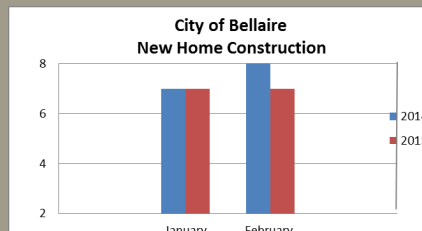
## Camera mapping

Camera Mapping is a part of the Bellaire Police Department's Safe Neighborhood Initiative in which the Police Department creates a map showing location of known security camera systems. Should a crime occur, police and detectives could view the map and identify locations where camera systems are in place. Police can then contact the home or business owner and ask to check video on the date of the offense to see if the suspects or their vehicle may have been captured on video. Currently when a crime

## development activity >>>

### In Residential Construction News:

Residential Construction during the months of January & February decreased by 6.67% compared to the same period for 2014.



### Code Corner:

#### Section 22-50: Limitation on height of grass and weeds

It shall be unlawful for any person, who shall own or occupy any lot or lots in the city, to al

low weeds and/or grass to grow on such lot or lots to a height of more than nine inches. Weeds and/or grass, of a height exceeding nine inches, is declared a nuisance.

## Bellaire's Family Safety Day May 9, 2015

Join the City of Bellaire for Family Safety Day

When: Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM-1 PM

Where: Bellaire Town Square

Enjoy:

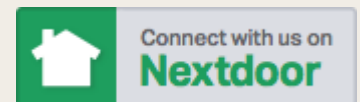
- ◆ Public Health Seminars
- ◆ Vehicle Extrication Demonstration
- ◆ Bicycle Rodeo
- ◆ Informational Booths
- ◆ Food Trucks
- ◆ Rock Wall-Moon Walk
- ◆ Smoke House Simulator
- ◆ Water Safety/Swim Lesson Demonstration

Sponsored by Methodist Hospital.

Go to [www.bellairetx.gov](http://www.bellairetx.gov) for more information.

## Nextdoor.com

Nextdoor.com, the free and private social network for neighborhoods is now being used by the Bellaire Police Department. Nextdoor.com helps build stringer communities by connecting neighbors to one another. Together we can make a stronger, safer Bellaire. Join us at [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com).



## Aquatic Center Opens on Weekends in May

The Bellaire Town Square Family Aquatic Center will extend operating hours on the weekends beginning May 9th. The entire complex will be open including the leisure pool, lap lanes and diving well. For more information and pool hours please visit the Parks, Recreation & Facilities section of the City website [www.bellairetx.gov](http://www.bellairetx.gov).



## Trolley Tunes Concert Series Police Officer of the Year

Join us for the Trolley Tunes free concert series this spring. Bring your picnic, chairs and blankets for an evening of fun!

All concerts begin at 7:00 pm and are located on the event lawn in Bellaire Town Square.

May 1, 2015	Fab 5
May 8, 2015	Amber Digby and Midnight Flyer
May 15, 2015	Grady Gaines and the Texas Upsetters
May 22, 2015	Ezra Charles Band

Sponsored by Southwest News and Tradition Bank, hosted by Bellaire Parks, Recreation and Facilities.

Go to [www.bellairetx.gov](http://www.bellairetx.gov) for more information on Trolley Tunes!



Detective Mike Lacy was named Bellaire's Police Officer of the Year for 2014.

Detective Lacy started with the Bellaire Police Department in September 1994 and was promoted to Corporal in 2000, Sergeant in 2005 and moved to the Criminal Investigations Division in 2006.

Detective Lacy was nominated by his peers for several difficult cases in which he was able to bring successful conclusions.

What you can do on the City of Bellaire's [website!](http://www.bellairetx.gov)

- Submit a service request via the [Resident Request Center](#)
- Watch past City Council meetings
- Pay your utility or court bill
- Renew/search/hold a library book
- Search crime/call database
- Download permit forms
- Get fire prevention tips
- Register for recreation classes
- ...and much more!



Officer Edwards and his daughters enjoy the 2015 Daddy Daughter Dance this past February!

## Trolleywood Movies

Join us for a fun, free movie. Bring your picnic, chairs and blankets for an evening of fun! The movies begins at dusk and are located on the event lawn in Bellaire Town Square.

April 18 & May 30

Go to [www.bellairetx.gov](http://www.bellairetx.gov) for more information on the Trolleywood movies!

## Bellaire City Library



### Summer Reading Program Begins May 26

### Kick Off Party May 30

#### Themes

**Every Hero Has A Story—Kids**  
**Unmask!—Teens**  
**Escape the Ordinary—Adults**

## Now Hiring for Summer 2015!

### Part Time Summer Help Needed:

Camp Coordinators Head Lifeguards  
 Sr. Camp Counselors Lifeguards  
 Jr. Camp Counselors Aquatic Aides

To apply go to [www.bellairetx.gov](http://www.bellairetx.gov)

## bellaire city council >>>

### Regular Meetings

1st & 3rd Mondays of each month at 7 p.m.

-Located in Bellaire City Council Chambers

-Sign up to speak by clicking on a [meeting\\_date](#) online or filling out a [speaker form](#).

Agendas, minutes and videos from past meetings. meetings are available [online](#).

Want to learn more about your elected City Council members? Find their biographies and contact information [online](#).

Watch [live sessions](#) of Council and board

## New Faces!

Patrick Scott, Equipment Operator, Public Works, March 9  
 Michelle Jordan, Project Manager, PFARD, March 9  
 Marleney Campos, PT-Senior Services Aide, PFARD, February 25  
 Patricia Sanchez, Assistant Court Clerk, February 16  
 Josh McCaleb, Police Officer, Police, February 8  
 Kieyana Edwards, Communications Officer, Police, January 5  
 Ryan Smith, Athletics Youth Program Superintendent, PFARD, February 2

## Promotions

Anthony White (Public Works Streets & Traffic Equipment Operator) promoted to Parks Maintenance Crew leader, February 22  
 Darold Bailey (Public Works Streets & Traffic Foreman) promoted to Solid Waste Superintendent, January 25

Want to be part of the team? The City currently has [available employment opportunities](#).



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